number of Bank holidays to a maximum of 15 in a year and the Department of Banking are working out the required modalities.

PSUs without Permanent Chiefs

598. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PSUs which do not have permanent chiefs (and top Directors) and how many of the current top board level appointments are on a temporary basis; and

(b) how many recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have been put on hold or not implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) 24 posts of Chief Executives and 39 posts of full time Directors were vacant as on 30.06.2000. 16 Board level posts are held on temporary basis.

(b) 25 recommendations of PESB are pending implementation with various Ministries/Departments.

Increasing strength of Pensioners

599. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government pensioners have outnumbered the strength of the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred in regard thereto;

(c) whether Government have set up any pension funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the fund so raised is proposed to be utilised to lessen the burden of expenditure due to pension; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has not yet set up any pension fund as a sequel to the Fifth Central Pay Commission's recommendations.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Scheme to unearth the Black Money held by Public Servants

600. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC propose to introduce a scheme to unearth black money and Benami holdings by public servants;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed scheme; and

(c) to what extent the scheme would curb corruption which is at its high in public servants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Central Vigilance Commission has circulated a scheme namely 'Benami Black Money Scheme' on 12th July, 2000 inviting the members of the public to report to it the matter regarding possession of black money or disproportionate assets by public servants which after scrutiny, if considered sufficient, will be forwarded by the Commission to the Central Bureau of Investigation/Income Tax Department. In suitable cases, the Commission may also advise the concerned authorities to move applications under the Criminal Law Amendment Act Ordinance, 1944 for confiscation of ill gotten money. The informants would also be eligible for suitable rewards directly from the Central Bureau of Investigation/Income Tax Department under their